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A number of claims were amended to correct informalities noted by the Examiner.

Claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,109,482 issued to Bohrman that describes an interactive video control system for displaying user selectable clips. Since Bohrman is directed at laser disc (LD) technology only and the invention is directed solely at digital video disc, the Applicants believe that claim 1 as amended is not anticipated for a number of reasons. One such reason is based upon the fact that LD technology is not digitally encoded and compressed in contrast to DVD technology that is based upon MPEG compression and digital encoding. In this way, data is stored on a LD as frame data where "a standard CAV videodisc can store approximately 54,000 frames of video. Each frame has a number and any frame can be precisely reached. In the system of the present invention, all clips are referred to merely as a pair of frame numbers...a start frame and a stop frame" at column 2 lines 45 – 50. Therefore, Bohrman must rely upon using these frame numbers to designate the particular clips of interest where the invention as recited in claim 1 uses a start point and a duration of time to designate a particular clip of interest.

Furthermore, the invention as recited in claim 1 teaches simultaneous display of any number of clips whereas Bohrman provides only a single linear progression of clips that must be displayed in a linear fashion one after the other. At no point does Bohrman teach or even remotely suggest the ability to provide simultaneous displays of selected clips or portions thereof. More specifically, claim 1 recites

A method for compiling and displaying video segments from a digital video disc (DVD) into a video montage, the method comprising:

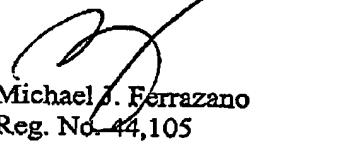
identifying a plurality of video segments from the DVD using a composer;  
ordering the video segments to define the video montage, wherein the ordering comprises providing a marker for each of the video segments comprising a start point and an associated duration;

storing the marker for each of the video segments in a storage medium; and  
displaying more than one of the plurality of video segments simultaneously on a display unit.

Therefore, the Applicants believe that claim 1 is not anticipated by Bohrman and request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection thereof and all claims dependent thereon. Claim 15 recites essentially the same limitations as claim 1 and is also believed to be allowable. A number of dependent claims were rejected as being obvious over Bohrman in view of a number of secondary references none of which ameliorate the basic deficiencies of Bohrman described above. Therefore, the Applicant also believes that these rejected dependent claims are also allowable and request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections thereof.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. GENSP030).

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